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HAMATEUR CHATTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

The Old Timers' Party was once again a success. Seventy five people attended, topping last year's total. This makes this event the Club's largest. The food was good, we had flowers and door prizes for almost everyone - thanks to Taylor Electric, SVS and club members.

After dinner, we had a little magic to top it off. The evening went fast, and I didn't get to everyone. If I missed you, "Thank you for coming."

I hope to see you at our January 30th meeting. Remember that we are back at Wauwatosa Savings and Loan (76th and State). Let's kick off 1992 with a good turnout.

I ended 1991 with my operation at St. Joseph's Hospital. Thank you for all the cards and the telephone calls. I'm back to 190 pounds - the hard way.

See you at the January meeting.

Ed Wille, W9PWG

NEW MEMBERS CORRECTIONS

WB9LNU-Jim Tromblay
N9MTP-Thomas Hart

MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club will be held on Thursday evening, January 30th, at 7:30 PM in the meeting room of the Wauwatosa Savings and Loan on the corner of 76th and State. The doors will be open at approximately 7:00 PM for the usual socializing.

This month's program will be presented by Russ Schreiner, WB9PAS, of Amateur Electronic Supply. He will be giving a demonstration of some new pieces of ham equipment, fresh from the factory. The identity of the equipment is unknown at this time. If you want to know what they are, come to the meeting.

MRAC-VEC EXAM DATES

On the 3rd Tuesday of each month, exams are given from 6:30-9:30 PM in the church hall at 117th & Cleveland. The next dates are 1/21 and 2/18. Currently, there are no exams being given on Saturdays.

Please arrive as close to the beginning of the testing session as possible so that all exams are completed by the end of the session. Bring your original and two good quality photocopies, two additional forms of ID, a pen and $5.00 for the exam fee(Novice exams exempt). To register, send a post card containing your name, address, phone and license applied for to: MRAC-VEC %Jack Krause, 1737 N. 116th St. Wauwatosa, 53226 Phone-774-6999 or &Ed Seruga,3840 S. 43re St. Milwaukee. 53220 Phone - 545-6299

EDITORIAL

By the time you read this, another Holiday season will be packed away and be merely a source for, hopefully, fond memories. Now is the time to start thinking of the springtime and all of the antenna work that you can do once the weather improves. (Not that it is all that bad right now for this time of year. 40 degrees F in mid January!)

The first thing that the regular readers of this publication will have noticed is that there has been a change to the masthead of the newsletter. There was nothing wrong with the previous format, but with this being the 75 anniversary of continuous activity for the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, I felt that the masthead should reflect that fact. Also, the reproduction of the old graphic was not as sharp as I would have liked it to be. After quite a bit of thought, I arrived at the format which heads this edition. As always, your comments are welcome. I won't necessarily agree with them or adopt any or all proffered suggestions, but any which do cross my desk will be read and considered. Of course, anyone who vehemently disapproves of what has been done with the Chatter is welcome to try their hand at it.

Spring is going to be arriving before we know it and soon after will follow summer. It really is not to early to start thinking about Field Day. Quite a bit of preparation is needed to make such an event a success. I would strongly urge those who want to participate in June to start now. The sooner a Field Day committee is organized and begins work, the better the results will be.

On the ARES front, volunteers are needed for the Special Olympics to be held on Feb. 8th at Dretzka Park. To volunteer, check in to the Monday night ARES net at 9 PM on the 146.67 repeater. Ron Armstrong, WB9WRW, will be there asking for volunteers. 2 meter capability is, of course, necessary. The severe weather season will also soon be upon us, so it's not too early to start thinking about those procedures either.

New in this issue is a column called "Members' Forum." This will be a space available to anyone who wants to express an opinion about an article which appeared on these pages or some subject which is connected to Amateur Radio. This month will contain a letter from August Ferber, KB9ADH, which was forwarded to me by Ed Seruga, KE9JJ. I hope you all enjoy reading his comments; I thought that they were quite interesting.

Finally, mention is made of all who submitted correct answers to the "Preferred Band Receiver Contest" which appeared several months ago. The number of entries was not exactly overwhelming. At least my postal carrier isn't complaining about being overburdened!.

See you nexy month,
KE9LL, editor

MEMBERS' FORUM

I enjoyed reading about E.H. Scott. From kid on, I was raised in Chicage. I lived "kitty corner" from Scott Radio, at 4513 E. Ravenswood.

In about 1926 or 1927, I built my first radio, yes, a crystal set. Arount that time I copied the antenna that Scott had on his roof. It had some disks about 10" in diameter with the antenna wire running through the holes full length.

Later, I got into tube radios. I was going to McPherson Grade School then and later on to Lane Tech.

Scott Radios were lots of small tubes, usually more than fourteen of them. I remember one he gave to the mailman. The chassis was chrome plated. One man built the radio and another tested it. Each wire was placed at a specific spot to reduce noise, etc.

Monday night in Chicago was silent night. All radio stations went off the air. People then did DXing. I remember I got Elgin, IL using my bedspring as an antenna.

Scott Radios sold for $300.00 then.

Thordarson Transformer was a few doors away. Hammond Organ was about one or two blocks south toward Montana Avenue. Ravenswood ran north and south, but was called 'east' and 'west' as it was divided by the Chicago Northwestern Railroad Tracks.

I was in the last class out of old Lane Tech. The new one was built on Western Avenue. Lane Tech had an AM radio Station, WLTHS. We also had a Ham radio station, W9KVO, at the old school...
August Ferber, KB9ADH

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Articles and information for the newsletter should be received by KE9LL no later than the 7th of the month of publication. If received after that date, the item cannot be guaranteed to be in that month's edition. Your cooperation in this is appreciated.

WANTED Roger Zaun, W9UVV, is looking to supplement his operating capability on 10/160 M AM. To that end, he wants an older, tube type, transmitter and receiver with AM capability. The equipment should be in good physical and operating condition, but he will consider one which is in repairable condition. To turn that unused rig gathering dust under your bench into cash, call Roger, W9UVV, at 242-4931.

A scene like this would be pleasant -Dream.

MILWAUKEE AREA NET INFORMATION

TIME	DAY	MHz	SUBJECT
9:00 PM	Monday	146.67	Milwaukee-Waukesha ARES Net
9:00 PM	Tuesday	145.13	MAARS Roundtable
8:00 PM	Wednesday	28.365	Milwaukee Chapter of 10-10 International
9:00 PM	Thursday	146.91	Computer Net
9:00 PM	Friday	28.400	W9RH on the Air - MRAC Club Station Activity
10:00 AM	Sunday	443.800	FM38 Link to 146.88 Baraboo Swap Net
8:00 PM	Sunday	28.365	Milwaukee Chapter of 10-10 International
8:30 PM	Sunday	146.91	Information Net
9:00 PM	Sunday	146.91	Swap Net

The 2 meter frequencies are -600 KHz offset FM repeaters. FM38 is +5 Mhz offset, tone 114.8. The 10 meter frequencies are upper sideband (USB). If there are nets you would like added to this list, contact Joe Rayome, KE9LL.

Dues Reminder:

The footsteps will be yours if you haven't remembered to renew your membership. After the January issue, all those who have not renewed will be dropped from the mailing list. So, make tracks right away to get that renewal application in to Ed Seruga, KE9JJ. If you are not sure whether or not you have paid, give Ed a call. He'll be glad to let you know the status of your membership.

NEW MEMBER FOR MRAC!!

Please welcome the following individual to membership in our organization:

W9OQS - Dan Jeziorski

PREFERRED RECEIVER BAND-CONTEST RESULT:

Due to the inexact nature of the choke information in the article in the September 1991 issue, some latitude in acceptable answers was necessary. The frequency of the receiver seems to be about 54 MHz. Thus, either 5 meters or 6 meters could be the correct band for the receiver. I believe that, at the time of the article (1937), hams had 5 meter privileges. 6 meters was not assigned until the advent of television. Therefore, 5 meters is the correct answer if you want to judge the results in a strict manner.

However, as I mentioned earlier, since I haven't been deluged with entries and, those which were received, met the looser criteria, the following individuals are the winners: Rich Regent, K9GDF, and Roger Zaun, W9UVV. Congratulations to both of you and thank you for taking the time to enter the first, and quite possibly the last, *Hamateur Chatter* contest.

ARRL NEWS: from January 1992 *QST*

Congress recessen on November 27 without considering Amateur Radio bills H.R. 73 and S. 1372, but the "spectrum protection" bills are far from dead. 160 representatives and 20 senators were cosponsors of their respective bills [at last count].

Get ready for the annual Novice Roundup January 25-February 2. klRemember that since last year's NR, the 80-meter Novice frequencies have changed. Here are the US Novice HF allocations: 3.675-3.725MHz (CW); 7.100-7.150MHz (CW); 21.100-21.200MHz (CW); 28.100-28.300MHz (CW); and 28.300-28.500MHz (SSB and CW). Avoid beacon frequencies.

If you're eligible for a 1991 November Sweepstakes participation pin or a coffee mug for a clean sweep, stand by. These special awards (and the Section winner certificates) aren't sent until the official results have appeared in May 1992 *QST*.

DXers sending QSL cards to the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service should immediately begin separating cards destined for the Baltic countries of Lithuania, LY; Latvia, YL; and Estonia, ES from QSLs bound for the USSR.